

# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RURAL DEVELOPMENT - TEXAS 2013 PROGRESS REPORT



USDA Rural Development State Director Paco Valentin spoke at the unveiling of new equipment purchased through the USDA Rural Energy for America Program at the Riverview Supermarket in Roma, Texas.

## Business & Cooperative Programs

USDA Rural Development Business & Cooperative Programs create rural job opportunities, facilitate the development of rural business, improve economic development, and increase the energy efficiency of rural businesses. In Fiscal Year 2013, more than \$39 million helped to create or save 737 jobs for rural Texans.

- *Business & Industry Guaranteed Loans*
- *Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency Loans & Grants*
- *Rural Business Opportunity Grants*
- *Rural Business Enterprise Grants*
- *Value-Added Producer Grants*
- *Intermediary Relending Program*
- *Rural Economic Development Loans & Grants*
- *Rural Cooperative Development Grants*



State Director Paco Valentin spoke at the Lower Valley Water District Sandhills Phase 2 Water Improvement Project Tap Turning event to signify first-time water services to families in Vista Larga, College Park, Darington and Dairyland, Texas.

## Community Programs

USDA Rural Development Community Programs enhance economic opportunities and quality of life for rural Texans by funding programs that create or improve telecommunications, community facilities, and water and wastewater systems. In Fiscal Year 2013, more than \$8.9 million in Community Facility funds and \$60 million in Water and Waste funds were awarded throughout the state. Over \$519 million was funded for Electric Loans, Broadband, and Distance Learning and Telemedicine Programs.

- *Water and Wastewater Disposal Direct Loans, Grants and Guaranteed Loans*
- *Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants*
- *Distance Learning & Telemedicine Loans & Grants*
- *Broadband & Telecom Loans & Grants*
- *Community Facilities Loans, Grants and Guaranteed Loans*

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## Housing Programs

USDA Rural Development Housing Programs ensure rural community members have access to safe, well-built, affordable homes. Funds can be used to build, renovate or repair a home. In Fiscal Year 2013, over \$1.2 billion was invested in rural Texas through Housing Programs and 19,624 families became homeowners.

- *Rural Housing Guaranteed Loans*
- *Rural Housing Direct Loans*
- *Housing Repair Loans & Grants*
- *Multi-Family Housing Guaranteed Loans*
- *Multi-Family Rental Assistance*
- *Housing Preservation Grants*
- *Farm Labor Housing Loans & Grants*
- *Mutual Self Help Loans*



*The City of Eagle Pass, Texas was the beneficiary of a 64 detached unit of single family homes courtesy of the Section 538 Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing Program.*

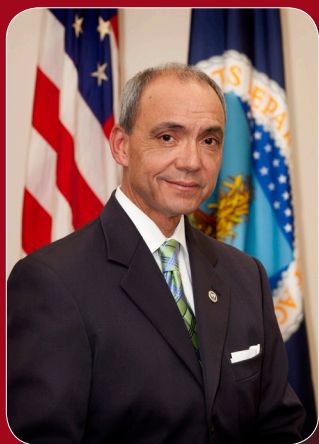
We returned more than \$35 million per week to rural Texas communities through USDA Rural Development Projects during 2013.

Business Programs	\$39,446,409
Community Programs	\$588,797,975
Housing Programs	\$1,235,788,877
<b>Total Funding</b>	<b>\$1,864,033,262</b>

### **Paco Valentin**

*Texas State Director for USDA Rural Development*

As we move forward into Fiscal Year 2014, you can be assured Texas USDA is fully committed to spur job creation and economic growth during these challenging times promoting our rural development programs and private/ public partnerships. Our focus will continue to be on programs traditionally included in our portfolio, as well as promoting newer rural initiatives such as establishing local and regional food systems that can connect producers directly to consumers, creating new economic opportunities and easier local access to healthy food. We are also committed to producing clean energy and producing bio-based products right here at home to break our dependence on foreign suppliers that will in turn boost rural economies. Please be assured you can rely on this Agency to continue to take all the necessary steps to provide our financial and technical resources to rural communities in Texas.



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